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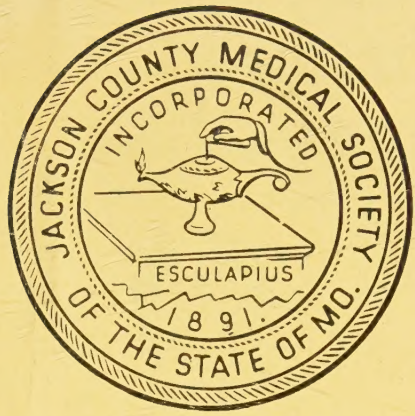

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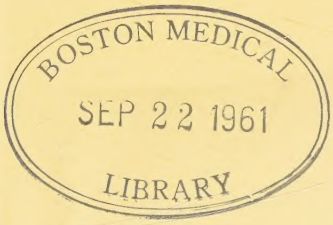

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What Do You Remember About?

by **IRVING A. WIEN**

1. Function of spleen?

2. Osteogenic sarcoma?

3. Compound fractures?

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Editorially Speaking

Snow in any quantity seems to produce some strange reactions in all of us. As soon as it starts to fall we all want to get out and attack the white stuff and shovel and push it somewhere out of our way. And if we are prohibited from shoveling or sweeping it we throw rock salt on it.

Snow is one of our great gifts from nature in our plains states. Without snow there are no spring and early summer crops. The grass would not be up in the spring when the time arrives to let K. C. steaks start living on Mother Nature instead of sponging off the bought feed of the rancher, and thus a winter liability can become a summer asset.

But you would think that snow is a work of Lucifer to hear our modern day city sing the blues, well supported by an anvil chorus of tourists, salesmen and truckers. And since today's White Face and inbred Angus are not capable of taking care of themselves as did the long horn of the past, a real blizzard is greeted by the rancher with mixed reactions.

It was not always so. Our forefathers who moved west into Kansas after the War knew that snow was vital. Since most of them did not have to go anywhere they just settled down to ride out the storm in front of the fire, well protected by their sturdy sod houses. The only folks who were placed in serious danger then were the physicians who were expected to go to their deliveries and dying regardless of the weather, providing some member of the family could get to the physician and give him the word he was needed. An occasional rancher got caught out, as did both lawmen and owlhoots, once in a while, but these folks knew what to do. They built their wickiups in a sheltered ravine, staked out their horses in the brush nearby and waited for the snow to stop. Both horse and rider could live for several days in this situation and fewer folks in proportion to population died in blizzards in those days than do now.

In these days of highly organized society it takes a January '58 blizzard to keep people at home. We spend hundreds of thousands of dollars each year in our part of the country keeping streets and roads open. Snow is nothing but a nuisance and a dangerous one at that.

It is no wonder that we react rather violently to any snow fall. We don't like it and everybody seems to want to get out and try to get rid of it in some way.

One side effect that gets us involved is the rash of heart problems that always develop at the time of a big snow. And since city folks will not stay at home, we have a batch of broken legs and sprained ankles to patch up.

Nobody has to brave the storm on horseback to inform us that somebody in his family wouldn't stay inside and let nature get rid of the heavy, slick gift from heaven to the farmers but pain in the neck to us. They just pick up the phone and, getting out our modern snow equipment, overshoes, heavy coats and snow-tired cars, we are on our way and a few of us each year suffer the same accidents because of this as do our patients. By the way, the best modern snow shoes I've found today is a pair of Marine Corps boondoggers salvaged from the Big War, although some physicians lean to cowboy boots. These are pretty good too.

There is not a doggone thing we can do about it but I'll bet that nearly every family physician shudders when he hears the weatherman say, "Snow tonight and throughout tomorrow, maybe three to six inches." He certainly must pray that there will be granted a bit of common sense to all those folks who depend on him.

He sure wishes that they would stay put for a day or two.

G. Wilse Robinson, Jr.

Medical Minutes

Each Medical Minute Contribution is written for all doctors rather than for any group specialty.

ALLERGY—
HERBERT J. RINKEL

Dependents on the so-called "miracle drugs" for relief of intractable and even average allergic state with frequent neglect of more sound and lasting methods of treatment. This trend toward empiracle methods of treatment is deterrence of progress of allergy as a specialty. Kohn. So. Med. Jr., Dec. '58.

GENERAL SURGERY—
JOHN A. GRIFFITH

Surgery in the aged. Diverticulitis can be managed conservatively in 60% of cases. If surgery indicated should not be sidestepped because of patient's age. Elective cholecystectomy in patient with symptomatic biliary tract disease more important than in younger patient who can better tolerate emergency procedure if necessary. Glenn. Yearbook of Gen. Surg., 1958.

CARDIOLOGY—
LAWRENCE F. STEFFEN

Radioactive fat tolerance test as a means of detecting presence of derangement in lipid metabolism in asymptomatic individuals and its use as guide in evaluating treatment in atherosclerotic patients. Likoff, et al. Circulation, Dec. '58.

DISEASES OF THE CHEST—
WILLIAM L. MUNDY

Chronic cystic disease of lung may lie asymptomatic for decades, show clubbed fingers for a lifetime, then rapidly be critical. McKusick, et al. Annals Int. Med., April '58.

ANESTHESIOLOGY—
JOHN E. KYGER

Fluothane anesthesia antagonizes succinylcholine and potentiates curare. Burn. Brit. M. J., Aug. '57.

DERMATOLOGY—
FRANK X. DWYER

Local therapy of oral leukoplakia with Vitamin A gave excellent results. Treatment period two to six months. Mulay. Arch. Derm., Nov. '58.

OTO-RHINO-LARYNGOLOGY—
PAT A. BARELLI

Meniere's Syndrome: sudden dizziness frequently with nausea or vomiting, tinnitus, unilateral, with or without deafness which may last 2 minutes to 3 days and leave no residual. Torak. EENT Monthly, Nov. '58.

GENERAL PRACTICE—
GERALD O'CONNELL

Motor symptoms resembling Parkinsonism possible with small doses of prochlorperazine (Compazine) in some patients. Christian, et al. New Eng. J. Med., Oct. 23, '58.

PEDIATRICS—
SANFORD F. COCKERELL

Any suggestion of neurological reaction to initial injection of pertussis vaccine is an absolute contraindication to further inoculation. Berg. British M. J., 2:24, '58.

PROCTOLOGY—
CLIFFORD C. WILSON

For imperforate anus x-rays in "upside down" position not necessary. Brayton, et al. S.G.&O., Dec. '58.

GASTROENTEROLOGY—
PAUL MOSS

If the role of ammonia in genesis of hepatic coma is not yet satisfactorily defined, there is no other theory that comes so near to conforming to observed facts. Walshe. Post-Grad. M. J., 32:467 '56.

INDUSTRIAL HEALTH—
HAROLD Y. ALLEN

Atopic dermatitis and importance of inhalant allergenes as a cause. Tuft. GP, Nov. '58.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY—
MARION W. RICHARDSON

If vertex is unengaged in nullipara at onset of labor cesearean section is probable in one third of cases. Burke. Am. J. Obst. & Gyn., 76:132 '58.

ORAL SURGERY AND DENTISTRY—
DONALD W. MARTIN, D.D.S.

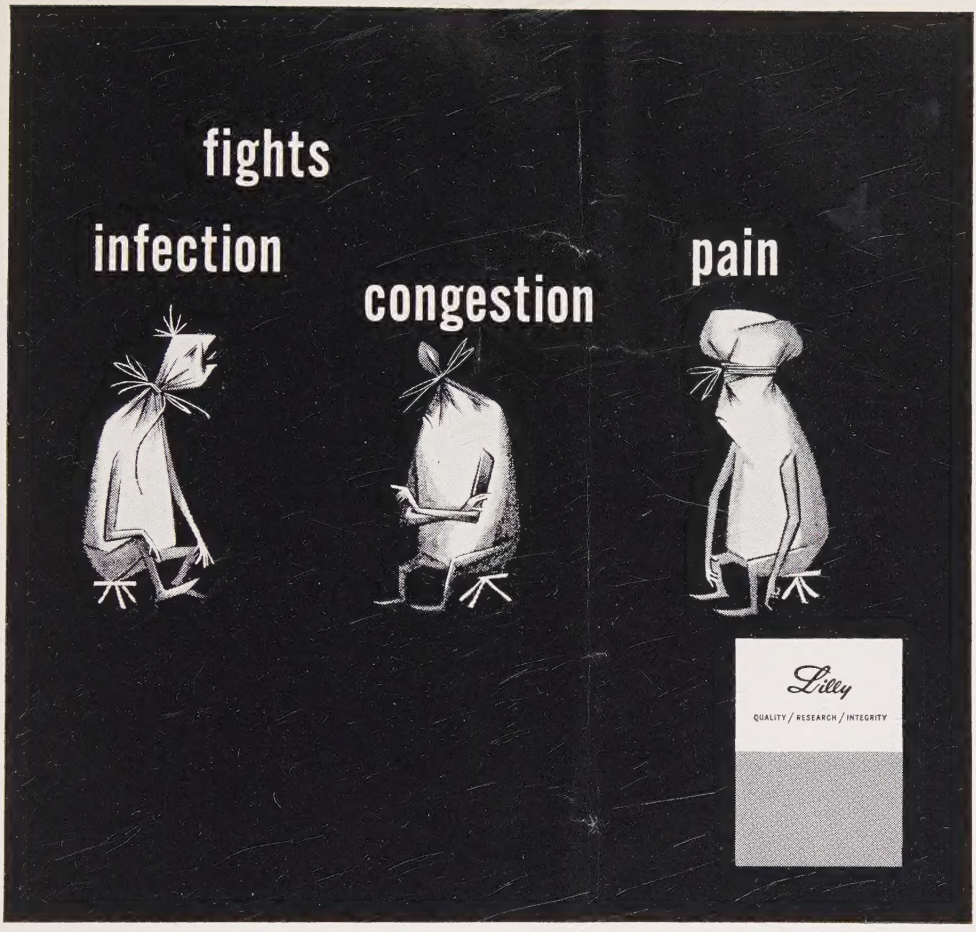
New method for painless reduction of acute bilateral dislocation of TMJ developed. Accomplished by unilateral injection of local anes. into tissue of joint space. Johnson. J. Oral Surg., Nov. '58.

RADIOLOGY—
HAROLD F. DAUM

In a series of all types of cancers, 7% had tumor cells in bone marrow aspirations, and in 9%, cells were found in peripheral blood. Sandberg. Cancer, Nov. '58.

OPHTHALMOLOGY—
CALVIN J. CURTS

The appearance of air in any significant quantity in the lacrimal tracts signifies defective valvular function of nasolacrimal duct. Levitt, et al. Arch. Ophth., Jan., '59.



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			First 3 Weeks	
DEATHS—				
Total	166	136	446	394
Under One Year	9	12	27	32
Non-Resident	35	22	92	67
Motor Vehicle Accidents	3	1	5	3
Within City Limits	1	1	2	3
BIRTHS—				
Total	184	218	812	856
MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY—				
Chickenpox Cases	9	12	27	30
Scarlet Fever Cases	6	4	18	11
Epidemic Meningitis Cases	0	0	1	1
Measles Cases	6	6	17	7
Mumps Cases	3	13	11	39
Whooping Cough Cases	3	4	15	4
Syphilis Cases	7	46	12	49
Deaths	0	0	0	1
Gonorrhea Cases	21	20	67	55
Tuberculosis Cases	8	3	19	23
Deaths	1	2	3	3
Rheumatic Fever Cases	0	1	0	1
Deaths	0	1	0	1
Infectious Hepatitis Cases	6	0	12	0
Deaths	1	0	1	0

POLIO 1958

The remarkably low incidence in polio in 1957 continued through 1958. As stated in this column nearly a year ago we have reason to believe we have had good response to our efforts in promoting the use of Salk vaccine.

January 1958, a census among public school children showed that nearly 40,000, approximately 60 per cent, had received the three shots of vaccine during the school program or at the Health Department. No doubt several thousand others were immunized by physicians.

In the non-public schools, 84 per cent had one or more doses and 73 per cent had completed the series.

General acceptance of polio vaccine has paid off for us to a surprising degree. In 1958 we had 6 resident cases with one death, this was a bulbar involvement in a baby of 3 months. Five of the seven had some degree of paralysis.

In 1957 there were 9 cases, 5 of which were paralytic, without a death. This was a remarkable contrast to our experience just five years before, in 1952, when there were 262 cases and 17 deaths. Of the 6 cases in the year just ended, 1 was an adult, 29 years of age. The others ranged from 3 months to 6 years.

We must assume that the Salk vaccine is responsible for the precipitous decline in paralytic polio, and that the virus was present in the community at all times. Vaccinated children while protected against paralysis were capable of harbouring polio virus. Dr. Fox of Tulane has shown in a study of household exposure that in persons without natural immunity, vaccination had no influence on alimentary infection and the widespread use of Salk vaccine would not influence virus dissemination. Dr. Sabin of Cincinnati in his studies on inactivated oral vaccine found that resistance to reinfection of the intestinal tract compares to that found in natural immune adults.

Nationwide the incidence of paralytic polio increased from 2176 cases in 1957 to 3112 in 1958.

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February 4 Paul C. Quistgard
February 5 Seymour J. Kranson
John J. O'Hearne
Don C. Peete
William J. Porter
February 6 Sidney Pakula
Sigmund Gundle
February 7 Terry E. Lilly
David Waxman

Garrett Pipkin attended the meeting of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons held at the Palmer House in Chicago, January 24-29. He is a member of the Scientific, Resolution, and Audio-Visual Committee. Dr. Pipkin presented a movie on the program entitled "Chondro-Malacia of the Patella".

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1. Unknown; thought to be blood reservoir, destroy red blood cells and platelets, form lymphocytes and monocytes, regulate blood volume and iron metabolism.

   Shackelford, R. T., Surgery of Alimentary Tract, W. B. Saunders Co., 1956.

2. A malignant bone tumor derived from skeletogenic mesenchyme which repeats in its growth one or more phases of bone development.

   Geschecter. C. F., & Copeland, M. M.: Tumors of Bone, 3rd Ed., J. B. Lippincott Co., 1949.

3. Usually defined as fractures which are complicated by a wound of the skin which communicates directly with the site of the break.

   Bancroft, F. W., and Marble H. C.: Surgical Treatment of Motor-Skeletal System, J. B. Lillincott Co., 1951.

I. A. Wien

Joseph G. Webster recently underwent surgery at St. Mary's Hospital. Dr. Webster expects to be convalescing at home very soon.

Ralph S. Casford attended the meeting of the American Diabetes Association held in St. Louis January 21-23. Dr. Casford is President of the Kansas City Chapter of the association.

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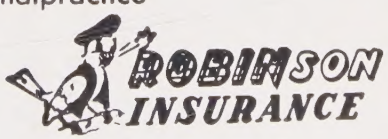

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Medical Week In Greater Kansas City

FEBRUARY Sunday **1**	NO MEETINGS SCHEDULED
Monday **2**	8:00 a. m. Orthopedic Dept. Meeting — St. Joseph Hospital. 12:00 noon Pathology Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 12:00 noon Surgical Grand Rounds — Bethany Hospital. 3:00 p. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — General Hospital. 4:00 p. m. Basic Science Course — Menorah Medical Center. 6:30 p. m. Surgical Dept. Meeting — Bethany Hospital. **7:30 p. m. Kansas City Southwest Clinical Society (See page 642).** **7:30 p. m. Annual Meeting — The Rehabilitation Institute (See page 642).**
Tuesday **3**	8:00 a. m. Pediatric Dept. Meeting — St. Mary's Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Ob-Gyn Dept. Meeting — Trinity Lutheran Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Surgical Grand Rounds — V. A. Hospital. 8:30 a. m. Medical Grand Rounds — General Hospital. 9:30 a. m. Psychiatric Case Conference — V. A. Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Tumor and Cancer Clinic — General Hospital. 12:00 noon X-Ray Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 12:00 noon Medical Grand Rounds — Bethany Hospital. 4:00 p. m. Medical Student Lecture — Mercy Hospital. **5:00 p. m. Visiting Staff Meeting — General Hospital (See page 642).** **5:15 p. m. Executive Committee Meeting — General Hospital.**
Wednesday **4**	8:00 a. m. Medical Sectional Meeting — St. Margaret's Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Psych. Conference — Mercy Hospital. 12:00 noon X-Ray Conference — Bethany Hospital. 12:30 p. m. X-Ray Conference — Mercy Hospital. 1:00 p. m. Anesthesia Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital. 2:00 p. m. Medical Conference — V. A. Hospital. 6:00 p. m. U.S.N.R. Medical Unit 9-4. 6:30 p. m. Executive Committee Meeting — Bethany Hospital. **6:30 p. m. Kansas City Social Hygiene Society (See page 642).** 7:00 p. m. Kansas City Anatomical Society — General Hospital, Anatomical Amphitheatre.
Thursday **5**	7:30 a. m. Surgical Conference — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Medicine Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Medical and Surgical Chest Conference — General Hospital. 9:00 a. m. "Pastoral Counseling" — Psychiatric Receiving Center. 10:00 a. m. Psych. Conference — Mercy Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Hematology Conference — General Hospital. 11:00 a. m. Pediatric Conference — Mercy Hospital. 2:00 p. m. Greater Kansas City Medical Dental Bowling League. 4:00 p. m. Neurology Rounds — Mercy Hospital. 7:30 p. m. Regular Meeting — 325th General Hospital, U. S. Army Reserves, O.R.C. Armory, 1528 Central.
Friday **6**	7:30 a. m. Medicine Conference — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Endocrine Conference — General Hospital. 8:00 a. m. General Practice Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 8:00 a. m. Surgical Conference — Bethany Hospital. 9:00 a. m. Ob-Gyn Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital. 9:45 a. m. Medical Staff Therapy Conference — Kansas City Tuberculosis Hospital. 11:30 a. m. Medical Records Committee — Queen of the World Hospital. 2:30 p. m. X-Ray Conference — General Hospital. 2:30 p. m. Joint Neurological-Neurosurgical Conference — V. A. Hospital. 3:00 p. m. Journal Club — Mercy Hospital. 4:00 p. m. Medical-Surgical Journal Club — Research Hospital. **6:30 p. m. Kansas City Society of Pathologists (See page 642).**

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7:00 a. m. Journal Club Conference — St. Margaret's Hospital.
8:00 a. m. Clinical Pathological Conference — St. Mary's Hospital.
8:00 a. m. Grand Rounds — Research Hospital.
8:00 a. m. General Surgery Meeting — St. Margaret's Hospital.
8:00 a. m. Pediatric Conference — Mercy Hospital.
9:00 a. m. Surgery Dept. Meeting — Research Hospital.
9:00 a. m. Combined Staff Conference — Menorah Medical Center.
9:30 a. m. Surgical Grand Rounds — General Hospital.
10:00 a. m. Cardiography Lecture — General Hospital.
11:00 a. m. Surgical Conference — General Hospital.

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Annual Meeting
The Rehabilitation Institute

Monday, February 2, 7:30 p.m.
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Executive Committee Meeting
K. C. Southwest Clinical Society

Monday, February 2, Executive Office, 3036 Gillham Road, 7:30 p.m.

Staff Meeting
General Hospital Visiting Staff

Tuesday, February 3, 5:00 p.m.
Social Hour, Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Program: Dinner and Business Meeting. Attendance restricted.

Annual Meeting
K. C. Social Hygiene Society

Wednesday, February 4, 6:30 p.m.
St. Mary's Episcopal Church Parish House

Program: Abraham Gelperin, "The Continuing Problem of Gonorrhea Among the Teen-age Group"

Kansas City Society of Pathologists

Friday, February 6, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium, Wahl Hall, K. U. Medical Center

Program: Slides will be presented by the Pathology Dept., K. U. Medical Center

OB-GYN Forum and Assembly To Be Held in Los Angeles

The 8th Annual Obstetrical and Gynecological Forum will be held February 7 and 8 in the Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles, under sponsorship of the Los Angeles Obstetrical and Gynecological Society.

The Obstetrical and Gynecological Assembly of Southern California will begin the 14th annual series of lectures to be held in Los Angeles February 9-13. Further information may be obtained by writing P. O. Box 57118, Flint Station, Los Angeles 57.

A. Lloyd Stockwell attended the meeting of the Texas Urological Society held in San Antonio January 24 and 25. Dr. Stockwell participated in a panel on "Carcinoma of the Bladder" and conducted a Pyelogram Conference.

Dr. and Mrs. Jack R. Cooper announce the birth of a daughter, Jane Lynn, January 21 at Providence Hospital.

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St. Margaret's	21
Research Clinic	21
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Trinity No. 2	19
Southwest Dentist	19
Research No. 1	17
St. Joseph No. 3	17
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Southwest Dentist	804

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William B. Allen addressed the Flint School P.-T. A. in Shawnee, Kansas, on January 19. The title of his presentation was "Who, What, Why, Where and When of Cancer."

Mr. William H. Moore, administrator at Mercy Hospital has resigned his position to become administrator of the Excelsior Springs Hospital, effective January 19.

Correction

The article "Little Known Medical History" by **Charles C. Dennie** as published in the January 24 issue of the Weekly Bulletin is in error and the second paragraph should read as follows:

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Greater Kansas City, Missouri Academy of General Practice

The monthly seminar at the University of Kansas for General Practitioners was held on January 15. The discussion concerned pediatric problems. The attendance could be improved at these valuable postgraduate sessions.

On December 14, an all day course on Electrocardiology was presented by Dr. Michael Bernreiter at St. Mary's Hospital. The course was open to all general practitioners of the area. The attendance was good and everyone was rewarded with an excellent review of practical electrocardiology. In the near future a similar Sunday program will be presented at the Psychiatric Receiving Center on the subject of Mental Health.

In April the annual meeting of the American Academy of General Practice will be held at San Francisco. These meetings have consistently been of very high caliber and all members should try to attend.

The winter dinner meeting of the Kansas City Chapter of the American Academy of General Practice will be held during the month of February. Place and date will be anounced shortly.

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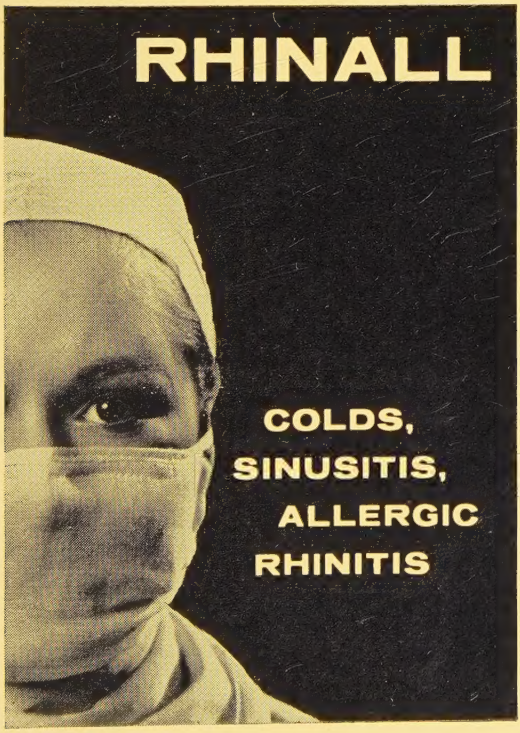

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